Service Date: October 1, 2012

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER OF NorthWestern Energy's)	REGULATORY DIVISION
2011-2012 Electricity Supply Tracker)	DOCKET NO. D2012.5.49

NOTICE OF STAFF ACTION

On July 27, 2012, the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC) issued Procedural Order No. 7219b (Order) in the NorthWestern Energy (NWE) electric supply tracker docket. In order to allow time for the completion of discovery, the procedural order in this Docket is suspended. Upon completion of discovery and resolution of any issues regarding protected materials, the schedule will be reinstated or modified.

DONE AND DATED this 1st day of October 2012 by a delegation to staff.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

TRAVIS KAVULLA, Chairman GAIL GUTSCHE, Vice Chair W.A. (BILL) GALLAGHER, Commissioner BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner JOHN VINCENT, Commissioner